

## OPINION 1698

### ***Brahmaea* Walker, 1855 (Insecta, Lepidoptera): *Bombyx certhia* Fabricius, 1793 confirmed as the type species**

#### **Ruling**

(1) It is hereby confirmed that the nominal species *Bombyx certhia* Fabricius, 1793, designated by Hampson ([1893]), is the type species of the nominal genus *Brahmaea* Walker, 1855.

(2) The name *Brahmaea* Walker, 1855 (gender: feminine), type species by subsequent designation by Hampson ([1893]) *Bombyx certhia* Fabricius, 1793, as confirmed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.

(3) The name *certhia* Fabricius, 1793, as published in the binomen *Bombyx certhia* (specific name of the type species of *Brahmaea* Walker, 1855), is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

#### **History of Case 2737**

An application for the confirmation of Hampson's ([1893]) designation of *Bombyx certhia* Fabricius, 1793 as the type species of *Brahmaea* Walker, 1855 was received from Drs W.A. Nässig (Zoológisches Institut der Universität, Frankfurt, Germany) and I.W.B. Nye (South Nutfield, Surrey, U.K.) on 16 August 1989. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 48: 137–139 (June 1991). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals. No comments were received.

#### **Decision of the Commission**

On 1 March 1992 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 48: 138. At the close of the voting period on 1 June 1992 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 29: Bayer, Bock, Bouchet, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Dupuis, Hahn, Halvorsen, Heppell, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Lehtinen, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Ride, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Štys, Thompson, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Willink

Negative votes — none.

#### **Original references**

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

*Brahmaea* Walker, 1855, *List of the specimens of lepidopterous insects in the collection of the British Museum*, vol. 5, p. 1200.

*certhia*, *Bombyx*, Fabricius, 1793, *Entomologia systematica emendata et aucta*, vol. 3, part 1, p. 412.

The following is the reference for the designation of *Bombyx certhia* Fabricius, 1793 as the type species of the nominal genus *Brahmaea* Walker, 1855:

Hampson, G.F. [1893]. *The fauna of British India, including Ceylon and Burma, moths*, vol. 1, p. 29.